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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:EWWT, ETRD, PORG, AS,TQ

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO SHIP TO TTPI BY
REFRIGERATED EXPRESS LINES PTY. LTD.

REF: SYDNEY 758 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING APRIL 1 MESSAGE FROM CONGEN SYDNEY WAS SENT
DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION. HOWEVER, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT
RECOMMENDS THAT SAIPAN ANSWER DIRECT TO SYDNEY, WITH
INFO COPIES TO CANBERRA, MELBOURNE AND DEPARTMENT,
FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
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AS TO REASONS FOR TT ACTION ON REFRIGERATED EXPRESS
LINES REQUEST FOR SHIPPING CLEARANCE.

2. QUOTE. SUMMARY: TTPI GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED THE
REQUEST FROM REFRIGERATED EXPRESS LINES PTY. LTD. FOR
A SINGLE ENTRY CLEARANCE TO SHIP CARGO TO THE TTPI.
THE DECISION MAY STIMULATE ADVERSE PRESS COMMENT AND

POLICY GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF REFRIGERATED EXPRESS LINES PTY. LTD. (REL) OF SYDNEY FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING

PERMISSION TO OPERATE A LINER SHIPPING SERVICE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI). REL IS A SUBSIDIARY OF REEFER EXPRESS LINES OF BERMUDA AND WTDR INFORMATION IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THE CHAIRMAN HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN CONTAINER OPERATIONS AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF A SITUATION WHICH COULD RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE TTPI GOVERNMENT. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS NOT AND WILL NOT OFFER SUBSTANTIVE ADVICE TO REL, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND A SUMMARY OF LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES AFFECTING SHIPPING TO THE TTPI WHICH BEAR ON THIS CASE.

4. FOLLOWING IS A CHRONOLOGY OF TELEGRAMS AND TELEXES OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE:

A. FEBRUARY 28: TTPI GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO CONGEN SYDNEY FOR WTDR INFORMATION AND SETTING DATE FOR DECISION ON ENTRY PERMIT AS MARCH 10.

B. MARCH 1: CONGEN SYDNEY REPLY GIVING GENERALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAVORABLE OPINION.

C. MARCH 24: CONGEN SYDNEY QUERY TO TTPI GOVERNMENT AT REQUEST OF REL ASKING STATUS OF APPLICATION.

D. MARCH 27: HICOTT SAIPAN TO REL STATING MAJORITY OF CARGO IS TO GUAM, SAIPAN, TAIWAN AND SOLOMONS AND SUGGESTING REL TRANSSHIP YAP PALAU CARGO.

E. MARCH 28: REL TO HICOTT SAIPAN LISTING CARGO FOR REL VOYAGE AND REQUESTING SINGLE ENTRY PERMIT.

F. MARCH 29: HICOTT SAIPAN TO CONGEN SYDNEY QUOTING MARCH 27 MESSAGE TO REL AND BASING WITHHOLDING OF PERMIT "NOT ON (REL) ABILITY TO OPERATE BUT ON KNOWLEDGE OF CARGO AVAILABILITY."

G. MARCH 31: HICOTT SAIPAN TO REL REFUSING SINGLE ENTRY PERMIT AND SUGGESTING REL ESTABLISH WORKING RELATIONSHIP

WITH OCEANIA LINES, WHO NOW OPERATE ROUTE EXCLUSIVELY,
FOR "EVALUATION PERIOD."

5. REL VESSEL "LAE EXPRESS" WAS SCHEDULED TO SAIL FOR
TTPI MARCH 28 BUT HAS BEEN DELAYED AT MELBOURNE. UNLESS
MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED, REL MUST SAIL FOR HER OTHER
DESTINATIONS VERY SHORTLY, LEAVING OVER 1100 TONS OF
TTPI CARGO, MAINLY RICE TO AWAIT NEXT OCEANIA
LINES SAILING IN ABOUT 40 DAYS.

6. PRESS HAS ALREADY QUERIED REL ABOUT "USG REFUSAL"
TO ALLOW SHIPMENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE POLICY
GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION OF LEGAL BASIS FOR TTPI
GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH ANTICIPATED
PRESS INQUIRIES.

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